

# East County Intercom



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## Newsletter

June 2008



The Public is invited to the "Unveiling Ceremony" to rename the Fairland Library and Recreation Center to the "Marilyn J. Praisner Center."

When: June 7th 2008 Time: 11:00 am  
Where: Fairland Community Recreation Center  
14906 Old Columbia Pike,  
Burtonsville, Maryland 20866

*Refreshments served after event!*

For more information, contact Fairland Community Recreation Center 240-777-4940 or Fairland Library 240-773-9460

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Don Praisner, who won a special election on May 13 to capture the vacant District 4 seat on the Montgomery County Council, was sworn in on May 27 to his new position in a ceremony at the Montgomery Circuit Courthouse in Rockville. Montgomery County Council President Mike Knapp, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and many members of the Praisner family were among the dozens of people who attended the ceremony in the grand jury room of the courthouse. Clerk of the Circuit Court Loretta Knight presided over the swearing in ceremony.

*"Congratulations to Council Member Don Praisner. We look forward to working with him in responding to the needs and concerns of District 4."*

Anise Key Brown, Director  
Eastern Montgomery Regional Center

## Happy Father's Day

June 15, 2008

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She's already overcome tremendous obstacles to become the first woman ever elected president in Africa—now all she has to do is turn around Liberia—a country devastated by unemployment, debt, corruption, and the legacy of civil war. Follow Ellen Johnson Sirleaf through her first year in office as she faces angry mobs, ambitious political rivals, and high-ranking members of the international community. Her story is inspiring a new generation of leaders in Africa and around the world.

**The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center  
And The U.S. Department of State  
Present a special community screening  
Of the acclaimed documentary  
"Iron Ladies of Liberia"**

This special screening is open to the public. A panel discussion of the film and the situation in Liberia will take place with a U.S. Department of State official and a representative of the Embassy of Liberia following the screening, which will take place at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center.

**Date: June 19, 2008, 6 pm – 8 pm**  
**Location: 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904**

**Please RSVP to 240-777-8400**



WWW.PBS.ORG/INDEPENDENTLENS/IRONLADIES

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## THE EAST COUNTY REGIONAL RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

**INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A PUBLIC FORUM REGARDING  
THE NEW WHITE OAK COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER**

**TO BE BUILT AT APRIL LANE NEAR THE INTERSECTION  
OF STEWART LANE IN WHITE OAK, MARYLAND.**

**THE PUBLIC FORUM WILL BE HELD**

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 18, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.  
at The WHITE OAK LIBRARY  
11701 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE,  
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND**

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[suzan.maher@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:suzan.maher@montgomerycountymd.gov).

*Please allow two weeks advance notice for accommodations.*

## Burtonsville Community Legacy Plan Takes Shape

The Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) in conjunction with the East County Citizens Advisory Board sponsored two community meetings aimed at developing a Community Legacy Plan for the Burtonsville area. The Community Legacy Plan, which will operate within the confines of the master plan, looks to create a long term vision to revitalize the community. The firm of Basile Baumann Prost Cole & Associates along with Rhodeside & Harwell have been contracted to develop this overall plan for Burtonsville.



A luncheon meeting was held at noon on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for businesses and property owners located in Burtonsville and at 7:00 pm the same day, for residents. These interactive meetings were conducted to share and exchange ideas, thoughts and expectations from the various interest groups that attended. The next step in this process is to conduct a working Charrette, during which the consultants will present several alternative concepts, based on community input and will solicit feedback on these concepts.



The Charrette is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road. Before the Charrette starts, the proposed options will be on view from 6 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the same day at the Services Center. ***These sessions are open to the public and participation is encouraged!***



***"Welcome to Colesville"***— The Greater Colesville Citizens Association dedicated their second set of "Welcome to Colesville" gateway signs on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The signs, which are located along Randolph Road, mark your entry to the Colesville area of East County. Gathered for the occasion were State Senator Rona Kramer, State Senator Jamie Raskin, Chuck Crisostomo, County Regional Center, GCCA President Tom McNamara, GCCA Vice President Fred Pulliam, Barbara Bergman, sign project Committee Chair and GCCA members and friends.

***"Defining The Limit" Performed***— The stories of 4 teens came to life to show how their choices in high school impacted their futures at an event for area East County youth on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The event was sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center and the East County Community Recreation Center and was funded with a grant provided by Montgomery County's Under 21 Program on substance abuse awareness. A drama coupled with an element of jazz dance and music was provided by an out of town performance group. The theme was the destructiveness of substance abuse and focused on the risks of "partying." The evening included refreshments, door prizes, & use of the Recreation Center facilities. Additional information on the dangers of drugs & alcohol was also made available.



## Step Up in Style "Shopping Spree"

***Providing professional attire and accessories for women in transition***

On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center hosted its annual "Shopping Spree" to assist women re-entering the

workforce. This program seeks to bolster self esteem and increase the confidence of women returning to work by providing clean, professional clothing and accessories for interviews and new job opportunities. Volunteers serve as personal shoppers to assist women in selecting attire and accessories that will help them advance in style. This year over 50 women gleamed gratefully as they departed with their wardrobe's new additions. Generous clothing donations for this program came from our community members and additional support and services were provided by Manpower, Montgomery County's Health & Human Services the Maryland Small Business Development Center as well as individual volunteers.







The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Colesville Strawberry Festival was held Saturday at the Old Colesville School on Hobbs Drive and New Hampshire Ave. The Festival offered children's games, crafts, business exhibits, and special entertainment, including the White Oak Chorus, the Greentop Ramblers, and the Westover Chorus. And, of course, there were strawberries – whether by the crate or on top of ice cream – everyone seemed to be eating big, ripe strawberries. Proceeds from this event support C-4 which runs a clothing closet, toy closet, and baby closet.

**Did you know?**



**Summer Meals Program** - The federal government funds a program to provide free summer meals to students who attend programs in school districts with FARMS rates above 50%. The list of schools below will have some type of summer program and will provide free lunch to all enrolled children during that program. Many other programs such as rec department programs will also participate in this free summer meals program. If you know of families with children at one of these schools, please make sure that you let them know that if they enroll their child in the program at the designated school, their child will receive a free lunch. To obtain information on additional sites and this program, contact MSDE as detailed below. Maryland Free Summer Meals Program for Children and Teens.

Poster with information: [http://mccpta.net/MCCPTA\\_news/SFSP\\_poster\\_2008.pdf](http://mccpta.net/MCCPTA_news/SFSP_poster_2008.pdf)  
[http://mccpta.net/MCCPTA\\_news/SFSP\\_poster\\_2008.pdf](http://mccpta.net/MCCPTA_news/SFSP_poster_2008.pdf)

MSDE Summer Food Services Program website: <http://mdsummermeals.org> <http://mdsummermeals.org/>  
<http://mdsummermeals.org/>



**All upcoming East County Community Yard Sales have been CANCELLED!** The proceeds from renting the parking spaces on May 17 are being donated to "EMEAN." Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center thanks our supporters and vendors for their support! Advance payments received for the upcoming sales are being refunded or will be donated to EMEAN with the consent of the donor. For further information, please contact Anjoo Chohda at 240-777-8411

**ONE-STOP FAIR HOUSING SHOP**  
 AN EDUCATIONAL FORUM  
*Come & Discover Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Fair Housing in Montgomery County, Maryland!*

**Meet the Participating Regulators:**  
 Office of Human Rights  
 Office of Consumer Protection  
 Housing Opportunities Commission  
 Office of Landlord-Tenant Affairs  
 Maryland Commission on Human Relations

**Thursday, June 12, 2008**  
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
 University of Maryland at Shady Grove  
 9630 Gudebsky Drive, Building 1, Auditorium  
 Rockville, Maryland 20850

**THIS IS A FREE FORUM, But Advance Registration Is Appreciated by June 9, 2008.**

In RSVP or for more information, contact:  
 Cecelia Horton, Office of Human Rights, 240-777-8468  
[fairhousing@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:fairhousing@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Program sponsored by the MC Office of Human Rights / Intergovernmental Fair Housing Coordinating Group  
 Sign language interpreters and accommodations available if requested by June 2nd.  
 www.montgomerycountymd.gov

**S.M.I.L.E. PROGRAM**  
 The African American Health Program/  
**S.M.I.L.E.**  
 (Start More Infants Living Equally-healthy)

**FREE CLASSES**

Join us for a day of learning, food, games, and prizes!  
 Must be a Montgomery County Resident

**FOR THE FATHERS:**  
 Special guest "The Birth Diva" a couple presenting the highly acclaimed "BRADLEY METHOD" prenatal belly dance, also available as a birth and postpartum companion (doula).

**Childbirth & Breastfeeding Education**  
 (FIND OUT HOW TO QUALIFY)  
 • Free Pack- N-play Crib (new)  
 • Free Car Seat (new)  
 • Free One year rental of a Medela double breast electric pump

**This is not your ordinary childbirth / breastfeeding classes!**

14015 New Hampshire Ave [Bus route 22]  
 Silver, Spring MD 20904  
**June 23-26th 2008 CLASS TIMES: 6-8 PM**

For more information and to register please call:  
 Nia Williams RN, BSN MPH, CBE (301) 421-5488 or  
 Melanie Hunter, RN, CLC (301) 421-5490

**CLASSES WILL FILL FAST SO REGISTER EARLY!**

Learn what you need to know to have a healthy baby.

The African American Health Program is funded by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and administered by BETAN Associates, Inc.

**ONE LIFE**  
**BETAN**

**East County Jazz Festival**

**Friday & Saturday, June 27-28, 2008**  
 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
 Admission: \$15

3300 Briggs Chaney Road  
 Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

**A Benefit Performance for The People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC)**  
 Call 301-847-1172 for additional information.

Tickets will be sold at the gate and can be purchased in advance at the Wellness Center.  
**Cash Only.**

**Bring your lawn chairs,**  
 no coolers or grills allowed.

Food and crafts will be available for sale.

Please enter at parking lot located at the corner of Gateheads Manor and Briggs Chaney Road

**FREE PARKING**

Proceeds to benefit the operation of TPCWC as a Free Clinic

**Fairland Library**, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866 Tel 240-773-9460. To review the Fairland Library upcoming events and other

learning programs go to **Calendar of Events at:**

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=5>

**White Oak Library**, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555

For details, review the **White Oak Library -Calendar of Events at:**

<http://host.evanced.info/montgomerycountymd/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=dr&ds=2008-3-31&de=2008-9-30&df=list&cn=0&private=0&lib=20>



**Employment Counseling-** The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in cooperation with the Montgomery Works Career Development Center, provides employment counseling the third **Thursday of each month from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The next date for this is June 19.** For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706

**Montgomery County Police**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. Police - Silver Spring**  
801 Sligo Avenue,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Tel #(301) 565-7740



**The Peoples' Community Wellness Center at EMRSC**

A Cooperative Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) & Mobile Med.

For questions, call TPCWC at (301) 847-1172

**East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)**

Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

Our next ECCAB meeting will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on

**Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 7:15pm**

For questions please contact : Tel (240) 777-8400 / TTY (240) 777-8418

**Meetings are open to the Public!**

**Speakers :** Chris Jones, business/property owner will give a brief presentation on future plans for the development of Burtonsville Shopping Center.

**Board Members-** Team Leaders will give an updated report on their quads.

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**FREE Compost Bins**

available at EMRSC  
Call 240-777-8400  
M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm



*A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.*  
~Billy Graham